

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
WESTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
)
v.)
)
MATTHEW LEE CLOYD,)
BENJAMIN NATHAN MOSELEY,)
RUSSELL LEE DEBUSK)

INDICTMENT

COUNT ONE : [18 U.S.C. § 844(n)]

The Grand Jury Charges:

From on or about the 2nd day of February, 2006, and continuing to on or about the 7th day of February 2006, in Bibb, Pickens, Greene and Sumter Counties, in the Northern District of Alabama, and elsewhere, the defendants,

**MATTHEW LEE CLOYD,
BENJAMIN NATHAN MOSELEY,
RUSSELL LEE DEBUSK,**

knowingly and willfully conspired and agreed together and with each other to violate the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(i), to-wit, maliciously

damage and destroy and attempt to damage and destroy by means of fire, buildings which were used in interstate and foreign commerce and in activities affecting interstate and foreign commerce, resulting in personal injury to persons as a direct and proximate result thereof.

It was part of the conspiracy that the defendants would, during the nighttime hours, travel by automobile to rural churches where the defendants did break into the following listed churches and set them afire:

1. Rehobeth Baptist Church in Lawley, Bibb County, Alabama,
2. Ashby Baptist Church in Brierfield, Bibb County, Alabama,
3. Antioch Baptist Church in Centerville, Bibb County, Alabama,
4. Pleasant Sabine Baptist Church in Centerville, Bibb County, Alabama,
5. Old Union Baptist Church in Brierfield, Bibb County, Alabama,
6. Dancy Baptist Church in Aliceville, Pickens County, Alabama,
7. Spring Valley Baptist Church in Gainesville, Sumter County, Alabama,
8. Galilee Baptist Church in Panola, Sumter County, Alabama,
9. Morningstar Baptist Church in Boligee, Greene County, Alabama,

in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 844(n).

COUNT TWO: [18 U.S.C. § 844(i)]

The Grand Jury Charges:

On or about the 3rd day of February 2006, in Bibb County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendants,

**MATTHEW LEE CLOYD,
BENJAMIN NATHAN MOSELEY,
RUSSELL LEE DEBUSK,**

maliciously damaged and destroyed and attempted to damage and destroy, by means of fire, real property, that is, the building known as Rehobeth Baptist Church located in Lawley, Alabama, which was used in interstate and foreign commerce and in an activity which affected interstate and foreign commerce in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(i).

COUNT THREE: [18 U.S.C. § 844(i)]

The Grand Jury Charges:

On or about the 3rd day of February, 2006, in Bibb County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendants,

**MATTHEW LEE CLOYD,
BENJAMIN NATHAN MOSELEY,
RUSSELL LEE DEBUSK,**

maliciously damaged and destroyed and attempted to damage and destroy, by means of fire, real property, that is, the building known as Ashby Baptist Church located in Brierfield, Alabama, which was used in interstate and foreign commerce and in an activity which affected interstate and foreign commerce, resulting in personal

injury to persons as a direct and proximate result of said fire, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(i).

COUNT FOUR: [18 U.S.C. § 844(i)]

The Grand Jury Charges:

On or about the 3rd day of February, 2006, in Bibb County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendants,

**MATTHEW LEE CLOYD,
BENJAMIN NATHAN MOSELEY,
RUSSELL LEE DEBUSK,**

maliciously damaged and destroyed and attempted to damage and destroy, by means of fire, real property, that is, the building known as Antioch Baptist Church located in Centerville, Alabama, which was used in interstate and foreign commerce and in an activity which affected interstate and foreign commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(i).

COUNT FIVE: [18 U.S.C. § 844(i)]

The Grand Jury Charges:

On or about the 3rd day of February, 2006, in Bibb County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendants,

**MATTHEW LEE CLOYD,
BENJAMIN NATHAN MOSELEY,
RUSSELL LEE DEBUSK,**

maliciously damaged and destroyed and attempted to damage and destroy, by means of fire, real property, that is, the building known as Pleasant Sabine Baptist Church located in Centerville, Alabama, which was used in interstate and foreign commerce and in an activity which affected interstate and foreign commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(i).

COUNT SIX: [18 U.S.C. § 844(i)]

The Grand Jury Charges:

On or about the 3rd day of February, 2006, in Bibb County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendants,

**MATTHEW LEE CLOYD,
BENJAMIN NATHAN MOSELEY,
RUSSELL LEE DEBUSK,**

maliciously damaged and destroyed and attempted to damage and destroy, by means of fire, real property, that is, the building known as Old Union Baptist Church located in Brierfield, Alabama, which was used in interstate and foreign commerce and in an activity which affected interstate and foreign commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(i).

COUNT SEVEN: [18 U.S.C. § 844(i)]

The Grand Jury Charges:

On or about the 7th day of February, 2006, in Pickens County, within the

Northern District of Alabama, the defendants,

**MATTHEW LEE CLOYD,
BENJAMIN NATHAN MOSELEY,**

maliciously damaged and destroyed and attempted to damage and destroy, by means of fire, real property, that is, the building known as Dancy Baptist Church located in Aliceville, Alabama, which was used in interstate and foreign commerce and in an activity which affected interstate and foreign commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(i).

COUNT EIGHT: [18 U.S.C. § 844(i)]

The Grand Jury Charges:

On or about the 7th day of February, 2006, in Sumter County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendants,

**MATTHEW LEE CLOYD,
BENJAMIN NATHAN MOSELEY,**

maliciously damaged and destroyed and attempted to damage and destroy, by means of fire, real property, that is, the building known as Spring Valley Baptist Church located in Gainesville, Alabama, which was used in interstate and foreign commerce and in an activity which affected interstate and foreign commerce , in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(i).

COUNT NINE: [18 U.S.C. § 844(i)]

The Grand Jury Charges:

On or about the 7th day of February, 2006, in Sumter County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendants,

**MATTHEW LEE CLOYD,
BENJAMIN NATHAN MOSELEY,**

maliciously damaged and destroyed and attempted to damage and destroy, by means of fire, real property, that is, the building known as Galilee Baptist Church located in Panola, Alabama, which was used in interstate and foreign commerce and in an activity which affected interstate and foreign commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(i).

COUNT TEN: [18 U.S.C. § 844(i)]

The Grand Jury Charges:

On or about the 7th day of February, 2006, in Greene County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendants,

**MATTHEW LEE CLOYD,
BENJAMIN NATHAN MOSELEY,**

maliciously damaged and destroyed and attempted to damage and destroy, by means of fire, real property, that is, the building known as Morningstar Baptist Church located in Boligee, Alabama, which was used in interstate and foreign commerce

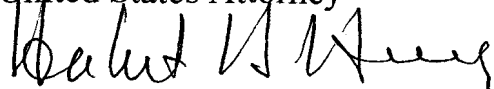
and in an activity which affected interstate and foreign commerce, in violation of
Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(i).

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Foreperson of the Grand Jury

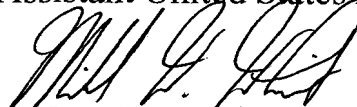
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